

STATE OF TENNESSEE
DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM
PRIORITY POINTS FOR DWSRF PROJECTS

1. Water Quality Problems
 - 100 Points - Disease outbreak or acute health risk
 - 80 Points - Chronic water quality problems
 - 60 Points - Potential water quality problems
 - 40 Points - Operational problems
 - 20 Points - Other
2. Source or Plant Capacity
 - 80 Points - Water shortage or rationing
 - 60 Points - 80% capacity rule
 - 40 Points - Exceeding capacity on peak days
 - 20 Points - Projected need within 10 years
3. Water Storage
 - 80 Points - Less than 50% daily demand
 - 60 Points - 50% to 75% daily demand
 - 40 Points - 75% to 100% daily demand
 - 20 Points - 100% to 125% daily demand
4. Leakage Problems
 - 80 Points - 50% or greater water loss
 - 60 Points - 40 to 49% water loss
 - 40 Points - 30 to 39% water loss
 - 20 Points - 20 to 29% water loss
5. Pressure Problems
 - 80 Points - Pressure consistently less than 20 psi
 - 60 Points - Pressure periodically less than 20 psi
 - 40 Points - Pressure occasionally less than 20 psi
 - 20 Points - Pressure marginal (20 psi to 30 psi)
6. Replacement or Rehabilitation Projects
 - 80 Points - Essential equipment failure
 - 60 Points - Essential equipment deteriorated & near failure
 - 40 Points - Non-essential equipment failure
 - 20 Points - Non-essential equipment deteriorated
7. Water Line Extensions
 - 100 Points - Special acute health problems
 - 80 Points - Exceeding drinking water limits or without water
 - 60 Points - Nuisance or quantity problems
 - 40 Points - Extend public water to private well supplies
 - 20 Points - Water line relocations and upgrades

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) instructs states to utilize DWSRF Loan Program funds to address risks to human health, compliance with the Act, and to assist systems most in need on a per household basis. Priority points are assigned on a 100-point scale based on the severity of the problem.

The only projects eligible for the maximum of 100 points will be those that address serious, acute risks to human health. Other projects will be assigned 80, 60, 40, or 20 points depending on the severity of the problem and whether a compliance problem exists. Ineligible activities such as fire protection, dam construction, or future growth will not be assigned priority points. Projects that receive equal priority points will be ranked according to the Ability-to-Pay Index (ATPI) for each community. Seven categories of projects encompass all types of water system projects.